

the time within which this matter can be finalised.

Exim Sales

6965. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of Exim sales made on the basis of stolen or fake documents, reported in the country since the introduction of exim sales scheme till February 19, 1992;

(b) the amount involved in these cases; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMANKHURSHED): (a) to (c). The Exim scrip licences which are found to have been issued on the basis of documents subsequently found to be forged or stolen as and when intimated by the licence holder, are cancelled immediately under intimation to all concerned. The Government do not maintain any data in regard to sale of freely transferable Exim scrip licences.

[English]

Presumptive Tax System

6966. DR. VASANT NIWRUTTI PAWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of shopkeepers and other retail traders likely to be covered under the presumptive tax system; and

(b) the additional revenue the Government expect to mobilise as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The presumptive tax system introduced in the Finance Bill, 1992 is optional and applies to persons not assessed to tax earlier. It is estimated that the number of tax-payers under this scheme may exceed 10 lakhs.

(b) The additional revenue expected to be mobilised from this simplified procedure is estimated to be about Rs. 150 crores.

Loss of Revenue Due to Raising of Income Tax Exemption Limit

6967. DR. VASANT NIWRUTTI PAWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of income tax payers likely to escape the income tax net as a result of raising the exemption limit from Rs. 22000/- to Rs. 28000/-; and

(b) the estimated loss of revenue to the Government as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). As a result of raising the exemption limit from Rs. 22000/- to Rs. 28000/-, it has been roughly estimated that about 8 lakh taxpayers are likely to go out of the tax net and the loss to revenue is likely to be around Rs. 480 crores.

Training Institutes for Disabled Ex-Servicemen

6968. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of running vocational training schools/institutions for disabled ex-servicemen at present and the number of students accommodated in each school;

(b) whether the Government propose to open some more such institutions in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have organised any survey during the last three years or propose to organise any survey regarding performance of these institutions and the ex-servicemen getting suitable jobs after training;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (f). Ministry of Defence is not directly running any vocational training school/institute for disabled ex-Servicemen. However, there is one autonomous institution called 'Queen Mary's Technical Institute' (QMTI) at Pune which has been recognised by the Government for providing vocational training to disabled ex-Servicemen. In addition, blind ex-Servicemen are sponsored for training at another institution called National Institute for Visually Handicapped at Dehra Dun. As per information available with the Directorate General Resettlement, the number of disabled ex-Servicemen/Servicemen trained at the two institutions during the past three years was 45 (upto 1991-92) and 7 (upto 1990-91) respectively.

2. There is no proposal under consideration of the Ministry of Defence to open such vocational training centres.
3. Government have not organised any survey during the last three years regarding the performance of these institutions or the number of ex-Servicemen

getting suitable jobs after training at these institutes. While there is no proposal under the consideration of the government to organise any such survey, the position of placement of disabled ex-Servicemen/Servicemen in general is reviewed from time to time.

[Translation]

Visit of Singapore Delegation

6069. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a trade delegation of Singapore is likely to visit India;

(b) if so, when and the issues proposed to be discussed with this delegation; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take for increasing trade with Singapore?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHED): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, a Business Delegation from Singapore accompanied the Deputy Prime Minister during his visit to India from march 22-27, 1992. This delegation held discussions with Confederation of Indian Industry for increased trade cooperation.

(c) Steps taken to increase trade with Singapore include bilateral discussions at government level, exchange of visits, delegations and participation in exhibition/trade fairs. Recently, a high level delegation of India Merchants Chamber had visited Singapore from 2-5 April, 1992 and they have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Singapore-Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry. They also signed a Cooperation Agreement with the Singapore-Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI). These agreements